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TAGS: PINT, JA  
SUBJECT: DSP VICE CHAIRMAN SASAKI TO SUCCEED KASUGA

REF: TOKYO 16999

SUMMARY: DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) EXECUTIVE  
COMMITTEE DECIDED NOVEMBER 5 TO RECOMMEND VICE  
CHAIRMAN RYOSAKU SASAKI TO SUCCEED OUTGOING CHAIRMAN  
IKKO KASUGA, THUS ALL BUT INSURING SASAKI WILL WIN  
CHAIRMANSHIP AT SPECIAL PARTY CONVENTION NOV. 28.  
SELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY GENERAL REMAINS UNCERTAIN.  
END SUMMARY.

1. DSP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED NOVEMBER 5 TO  
RECOMMEND VICE CHAIRMAN RYOSAKU SASAKI TO SUCCEED PARTY  
CHAIRMAN IKKO KASUGA, WHO ANNOUNCED HIS INTENTION  
TO RESIGN OCTOBER 31 (REFTEL). ELECTION FOR NEW CHAIRMAN  
WILL BE HELD AT SPECIAL PARTY CONVENTION NOVEMBER 28.  
AS INDICATED BY RECOMMENDATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,  
AND BY OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH PARTY LEADERS (REFTEL),  
SASAKI ENJOYS VIRTUALLY UNANIMOUS SUPPORT AS KASUGA'S  
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SUCCESSOR, AND BARRING EXTRAORDINARY DEVELOPMENTS, HE  
WILL BE DSP'S NEXT CHAIRMAN.

2. POSITION OF SECRETARY GENERAL OF PARTY, CURRENTLY  
HELD BY TSUKAMOTO, REMAINS UP IN AIR. AS REPORTED  
REFTEL, PARTY LEADERS CLOSE TO KASUGA WERE TOUTING TADASHI  
KODAIRA, ALSO FAVORED, WE UNDERSTAND, BY SASAKI. HOWEVER, KODAIRA,

HAS ENCOUNTERED OPPOSITION WITHIN DSP BECAUSE OF HIS INVOLVEMENT, LIKE KASUGA, IN QUESTIONABLE DSP FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES. SASAKI AND KASUGA WILL REPORTEDLY MEET TODAY TO PUT FINAL TOUCHES ON PERSONNEL CHOICES FOR NOVEMBER 28 CONVENTION. SINCE KODAIRA IS ENCOUNTERING OPPOSITION, AND SINCE NOVEMBER 5 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO LIMIT TO EXTENT POSSIBLE NUMBER OF CHANGES IN TOP PERSONNEL, PRESENT SEC GEN SABURO TSUKAMOTO APPEARS TO HAVE AT LEAST EVEN CHANCE OF RETAINING HIS POSITION.  
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